

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 AF-08 ISO-00 NSC-05 PA-01 SS-15 USIA-06 PRS-01

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APPROVED BY S/CPR:HAMPTON DAVIS  
AF/W:EWLOLLIS  
AF:DBOLEN  
S/S-S(C):MEDENHAM  
S/S:MR. BRIDGES  
WHITE HOUSE:AMB. SMITH  
PA(INFO)  
DESIRED DISTRIBUTION  
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P 272039Z SEP 76  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PDEV, NI, US

SUBJECT: NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE

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1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING TO NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE AT  
APPROPRIATE TIME PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1. QUOTE:  
DEAR GENERAL OBASANJO: AS YOU CELEBRATE THE SIXTEENTH  
ANNIVERSARY OF NIGERIAN INDEPENDENCE, IT IS A PLEASURE TO  
EXTEND TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF NIGERIA MY SINCERE  
CONGRATULATIONS AND THOSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. YOU HAVE  
MY ASSURANCE, ON THIS IMPORTANT OCCASION, OF OUR DESIRE  
THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO  
GROW STRONGER AND, AS YOU SAID IN YOUR RECENT MESSAGE ON  
THE OCCASION OF OUR BICENTENNIAL, THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO  
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WORK FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF OUR PEOPLES AND IN THE

INTEREST OF PEACE, PROGRESS, AND INTERNATIONAL UNDER-  
STANDING. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION  
TO RELEASE BY FMG. KISSINGER

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## Message Attributes

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